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1. HAVE GOTTEN CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS DEPARTING NICOSIA FOR CAIRO ON 15 JUNE AND HAVE ASKED CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA TO MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS AND RESERVATIONS.

2. HAVE DISCUSSED CYPRUS-EGYPT PHONE LINK WITH ACQUAINTANCE WHO IS A SENIOR ENGINEER WITH CYPRUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY. HE SAID THAT RECENTLY TELEPHONE LINKS HAVE IMPROVED AND ARE NOW SEMI-AUTOMATIC VIA LONDON, WITH THE CYPRUS OVERSEAS OPERATOR ABLE TO DIAL DIRECTLY INTO THE EGYPTIAN SYSTEM. THE SUBSCRIBER MUST STILL GO THROUGH THE OPERATOR, HOWEVER. NORMALLY THERE IS ABOUT A 10-MINUTE WAIT, THOUGH EARLY IN THE MORNING THERE IS NONE AT ALL, WHILE LOCAL 1130-1300 PERIOD MAY REQUIRE LONGER WAIT BECAUSE OF RUSH PERIOD IN LONDON. THE QUALITY OF THE LINE IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD TO CAIRO OR ALEXANDRIA, THOUGH IT MAY DETERIORATE AS IT GETS INTO SMALLER LOCALITIES.

3. THERE IS CURRENTLY ONE LEASED LINE BETWEEN CAIRO AND CYPRUS, WHICH IS LEASED BY THE CYPRUS CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY. THIS LINE RUNS FROM NICOSIA TO ATHENS AND ROME, WHERE IT PICKS UP THE ITALIAN CABLE TO ALEXANDRIA. THE LINE IS OF GOOD QUALITY AS FAR AS CAIRO. HE BELIEVES THE COST IS CLOSE TO \$30,000 A YEAR, BUT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL REASON TO FIND OUT FOR SURE.

4. I WILL MAKE SOME CALLS BACK AND FORTH TO THE BUREAU WHILE IN ALEXANDRIA AND RECORD CONVERSATIONS SO THAT YOU CAN BETTER FIX ON QUALITY.

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